



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the history of California water policy, June 9, 2000 will be remembered as an important milestone. After years of gridlock, the state and federal agencies that came together to form the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in 1995 issued a Framework for Action – the most comprehensive water management plan in the nation. As Governor Gray Davis said in announcing the Framework, "The CALFED Plan sets a bold and decisive new course for California's economy and environment."

On August 28, 2000, the leadership of the CALFED agencies signed the Record of Decision (ROD), formally approving the long-term plan for restoring ecological health and improving water management in the Bay-Delta system. The ROD establishes clear deadlines and commitments for each of the key elements of the Program.

One of the requirements of the ROD is the submission of an annual report in December of each year to the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of California, the State Legislature and Congress. While the ROD does not require an annual report until 2001, the CALFED agencies believe that it is important to report on the progress we have made this year, and have therefore prepared this document – CALFED's first annual report.

This first report for the CALFED Program clearly shows that the CALFED agencies have met the commitments in the Record of Decision for the year 2000. The report also provides budgetary and other management information, and a summary of legislative activity related to the Program.

CALFED Bay-Delta Program Accomplishments in 2000

Ecosystem Restoration Program

- Established a "single blueprint" – a framework for coordination among the resource management, conservation, and regulatory actions – for ecosystem restoration and species recovery in the Bay-Delta system.
- Established an ERP Science Board of internationally renowned scientists to improve the scientific integrity of the ERP.
- Awarded over \$100 million for 74 new ecosystem restoration projects selected through a rigorous technical and scientific review process.
- Monitored the progress and implementation of 266 ongoing ecosystem restoration actions.
- Established a team of resource management agencies and stakeholder experts to work with the Science Board in further developing the program.

Environmental Water Account

- Established an interagency EWA Team to acquire, store, and allocate water. The Team is developing and implementing the EWA.